

never seen him without that engaging smile and good-natured laugh. He has and continues to face the challenges of this disease with integrity and determination—he is one of a kind!

The late Rabbi Jerome Malino of Danbury, Connecticut once said, "It is much better to live one's life as an optimist and be wrong, than a pessimist and be right." This has been the motto by which Dr. Mel has not only approached his life, but his battle with cancer as well. He has given us all reason to be optimistic that we will find what we all seek—a cure. It is my great pleasure to rise today to salute Dr. Mel Goldstein for all that he has and will accomplish towards that goal. I am pleased to join his wife, Arlene, family, friends, and colleagues in extending my heartfelt congratulations on this very special occasion as well as my very best wishes for continued health and happiness.

RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF SANCTUARY, INCORPORATED

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 2006

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Sanctuary, Incorporated on the occasion of the organization's 35th Anniversary. Sanctuary is a community-based nonprofit organization in Guam dedicated to facilitating and supporting conflict resolution activities aimed to reconcile differences between family members and reunite estranged families.

Sanctuary was incorporated under the law of Territory of Guam in 1971. Originally the organization sought to provide counseling teenage runaways on the island. Sanctuary's primary purpose was to provide these youths with a temporary residential shelter while offering family counseling services. Sanctuary has grown over the last 35 years and it has expanded its services to accommodate the diverse needs and complex issues of today's youth.

Sanctuary began expanding its mission in the late 1980s. For instance, the organization opened its Transitional Living Program, TLP, to assist older youth who were aging out of the foster care system but who were unable to return to their families. The TLP program helped prepare these youths for adulthood by teaching them the fundamentals of independent living. Sanctuary also established a community-based Drug Prevention program in the 1990s. What is more, the organization developed the parental assistance program Ayuda Para I Manaina, APIM. Lastly, it created programs to provide for the emotional and physical needs of teens and young adults victimized by domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault or other crimes. These programs have made and continue to make important contributions to strengthening our community on Guam.

Sanctuary has led other initiatives as well. The organization recently received federal funding to create theatrical productions to prevent teenage tobacco use in Guam. With those funds, the organization produced a music album and video in 2003 featuring

young musicians and aspiring actors and actresses from Guam. The project advocated a tobacco-free lifestyle and was distributed to Guam's middle and high schools for use as a classroom instructional resource. Most recently, Sanctuary opened Guam's first and only substance abuse treatment program for adolescents, Sagan Na' Homlo (Para I Manhoben). Sagan Na' Homlo provides two cycles of services and counseling to youth between the ages of 12 and 17 who struggle with drugs and alcohol. This two cycle approach is taken to ensure these at-risk youths receive the maximum benefits of the service and counseling available to them through this program. Today, Sanctuary also operates a Co-Ed Emergency Shelter that has the capacity to care for 18 youths. The shelter is designed as a safe alternative for abused, runaway, homeless and troubled youth to turn to when they are experiencing challenges.

For the 35 years, Sanctuary, Incorporated has been the leader in increasing public awareness of at-risk youth situations and providing those youths, their families, and the community of Guam with resources, counseling and support services. With the steadfast commitment, dedication, and leadership of Sanctuary's current Executive Director, Sarah Thomas-Nededog, and Sanctuary's staff, faculty, Board of Directors and volunteers, the organization has become a true force for good on Guam, helping countless youths coping with the physical and emotional abuse to become valuable, functional and contributing members of society.

On behalf of all the people of Guam, I extend a most Dangkolo' Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase, Maraming Salamat Po, and Congratulations to Sanctuary, Incorporated on the occasion of its 35th Anniversary.

HONORING THE TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY, CONNECTICUT ON THE OCCASION OF ITS BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 2006

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Town of Middlebury, Connecticut, on the occasion of its bicentennial.

Once a Revolutionary War camp for French General Rochambeau and his troops on their march to Yorktown, West Farms and adjoining portions of Woodbury and Southbury first formed a distinct ecclesiastical society in 1790. The society took up the name Middlebury, derived from the central position its meetinghouse occupied six miles from its three older neighbors, Waterbury, Southbury, and Woodbury. After repeated petitions to the Connecticut General Assembly for independence from Waterbury, the Town of Middlebury was formally incorporated in 1807.

Today, recreational facilities and year-round cultural events are close by; Quassy Amusement Park, a local ski trail, and a town lake are some of the more popular amusements. Teikyo Post University is a short drive away, offering a variety of courses for students in pursuit of undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent the Town of Middlebury in the United States House of Representatives, and extend my best wishes to the city and its citizens for another 200 years of prosperity.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP AND MRS. ODIS A FLOYD

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 2006

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bishop and Mrs. Odis A. Floyd as they celebrate their 37th Pastoral Anniversary. The congregation is planning several events to commemorate this anniversary throughout the month of November starting with a banquet on November 4 and ending with a day of celebration on November 26.

Bishop Floyd accepted his call to ministry in April 1964. Working with his grandfather, Reverend L.W. Owens, he helped organize the New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church and in November 1969 was unanimously elected as pastor. In 1991 he changed the church's name to New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church.

Over the years New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church has grown under Bishop Floyd's guidance. As a "Church on the Move for Christ" the congregation has answered the Bishop's call to expand the ministry beyond the sanctuary doors. The church operates several outreach programs including the New Jerusalem Intervention Ministry Team, Operation Blessing, Nurses and Health Team, Philadelphia Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Singles Ministry. Mrs. Floyd heads the United Women of New Jerusalem. Bishop Floyd's message of salvation is broadcast throughout the week through several media outlets. The New Jerusalem Tape Ministry makes available copies of church services, special programs and Bible Study. The Christian Education Department runs the vibrant Children's Church, Sunday School, Adult Bible Class and the Upward Bound program. As part of the foundation of church life, the Prayer Ministry is at the forefront of the Wednesday Night Intercessory Prayer services and the 24-hour prayer vigil, "The Jerusalem Watch." The church moved into the present worship complex in 1994.

Bishop Floyd is the 2nd Presiding Bishop of the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship, a board member of Concerned Pastors for Social Action, the Visually Impaired Center, and Gospel Today Magazine. He is the Past President of the Baptist Assembly of Free Spirit Churches, the Past Youth Director of the Great Lakes District Congress of Christian Education, he has received the Good Scout Award, and he was a nominee for the Soul Train Award, the Gospel Music Workshop of America Excellence Award, and a Grammy nominee for Best Soul Gospel Male Performance. Music has played an important part in the church ministry and Bishop Floyd can be heard performing on several albums.

His participation in the Flint community goes beyond New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church. Bishop Floyd has served on the boards of several organizations and is involved in improving the quality of life in the Flint area including the Bishop International